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**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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WO 99/38290	7-29-99	PCT
DE 198 12 163 A1	9-23-99	Germany

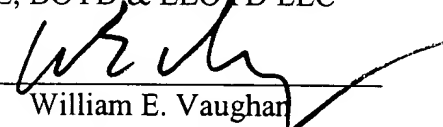
German DE 198 12 163 A1 relates to a process to identify and initialize a communications apparatus identification initializing method for checking if the apparatus node number is unique during the apparatus registration for communication via a communication system.

Applicants look forward to early and favorable consideration of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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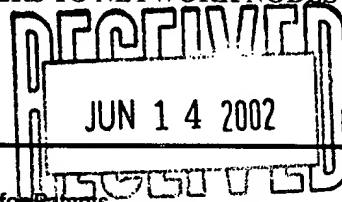
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